

The 19th Day of July

✦ **Uncovering of the Relics of our Venerable and God-bearing Father among the Saints, Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sároov.**

Small Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 4 stichera, in Tone 4:

We the faithful gather today /
To crown with laurels of praise /
An earthly angel and heavenly man, /
And to fervently cry out to him: /
O blessèd father Seraphim, /
Thou glorious boast of all who love to fast, /
Fervently pray to God for us ///
That He will have mercy on our souls.

O father Seraphim, /
As a youth thou didst come to love humility and innocence, /
And strove to attain the love of Christ in purity of mind and heart. /
Through these, thou hast drawn near to God; /
Fervently beseech Him deliver from all danger ///
Those who faithfully honor thy holy memory.

A great multitude of Christians have gathered today, /
O venerable father Seraphim, /
To glorify the uncovering of thine honorable relics, /
And with joy and gladness we cry out to thee: /
Behold, the lame now walk and the sick are healed, ///
Who faithfully pray at the shrine of thy relics.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Rejoice, O monastery of Sarov, /
And delight in the Lord, /
For a new luminary of the Russian land hath shone from thee! /
Be radiant and glad, O holy Church of God, /
And with her, ye multitudes of monastics, /
And assemblies of those who love her holy feasts: /
Together let us weave a crown of spiritual flowers /
And with David let us sing aloud: /
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints! /
For this glory is due thee, O venerable Seraphim, ///
Who, by thy prayers brought us to partake in it, O blessèd one.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

No one having recourse to thee, /
O all-pure Virgin Mother of God, /
Goeth away from thee ashamed; /
For asking grace of thee ///
He is given that gift which is gainful to him.

At the Aposticha, the stichera, in Tone 2:

Leaving the village of thy birth behind /
And coming to the great monastery in the city of Kiev, /
Thou didst obtain a blessing at its wonderworking relics, /
O venerable father Seraphim. ///
Send down this blessing upon us now, who celebrate thine honored and all-holy
memory.

Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Thou didst take upon thyself the great burden of monastic discipline, /
O venerable father Seraphim, /
And didst amaze thy brethren with zealous love and patience. ///
Pray now, that our souls may be saved.

Verse: Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His
commandments.

Receiving thine abbot's blessing, O father Seraphim, /
Thou didst take up thine abode in the wilderness of Sarov, /
Binding thyself to a life of prayer and ascetic fasting /
Making of thyself an abode of the Holy Spirit. ///
Pray Christ God on behalf of us all.

Glory..., in the same Tone: [Repeat the above sticheron]

Receiving thine abbot's blessing....

Now and ever..., Theotokion:

As thou art our mediatrix and defender, /
O most pure Lady, /
Deliver us from every calamity and danger, ///
And through thy divine intercessions save our souls.

The Troparion of Saint Seraphim, in Tone 4:

From thy youth thou hast loved Christ, O blessèd one, /

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And aflame with the desire to labor for Him alone /
Thou hast contended in unceasing prayer and labor in the wilderness /
And gaining by compunction of heart the love of Christ /
Thou hast appeared as the chosen of the Mother of God. /
Therefore, we cry out to thee: ///
Save us by thy prayers, O our ven' rable father Seraphim.

Great Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, "Blessèd is the man...", the first Kathisma.

At "Lord, I call...", 8 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, "O glorious wonder...."*

O glorious wonder! /
A champion of piety is revealed in Sarov, /
Seraphim the wondrous, our fervent intercessor before God. /
Rejoice, O monastery of Sarov, for in thee reside the relics of this holy saint; /
Sing for joy, ye multitudes of Orthodox faithful, /
For Saint Seraphim is the defender of all who cry out to him: /
Rejoice, O luminary of the Russian lands, who dispels the darkness of the enemy, ///
Pray to the Lord that He grants our souls peace and great mercy. *(twice)*

O marvelous wonder! /
Behold, the blessèd Seraphim, the unshakeable pillar of piety, /
Truly appears to us at the monastery of Sarov, /
And the righteous assembled exalt in spirit and cry out to him saying: /
O ven' rable father Seraphim, ///
Pray to the Lord that He grants our souls peace and great mercy. *(twice)*

Wondrous are Thy mysteries, O Christ God, /
For thou hast given us the ven' rable Seraphim to be a guiding light, /
A mighty champ'ion of the faithful in the battle against the enemy /
A prayerful advocate for all Orthodox people, /
The boast and confirmation of his holy monastery; /
And now he entreats Thee, O Lord, ///
To grant our souls peace and great mercy.

When thou didst go out into the wilderness of Sarov, O ven' rable one /
Thou didst completely discard thine own will /
And displayed to all thy steadfast obedience, /
Joyfully enduring the dishonor and offenses of others, /
Cruelly wast thou beaten and wounded by evil men, /

Yet thou didst pray for them all, O ven'rable one. /
 And we, who now glorify thine all-honorable memory, beseech thee, O blessèd one, ///
 To entreat the Lord to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Blessèd is the holy monastery of Sarov, /
 For within it repose thy precious relics, O ven'erable father Seraphim, /
 Thou guardian of chaste reasoning; /
 Thou treasury of the virtues, and vessel of purity; /
 Thou receptacle of grace, and the well-spring of healing; /
 Thou unmercenary physician, and true lover of the fast; /
 Thou comforter of those in sorrow;
 Thou calm haven of those caught in the storm of the passions of life; /
 And we, who now glorify thine all-honorable memory, beseech thee, O blessèd
 one, ///
 To entreat the Lord to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Today, the assembly of the faithful /
 Rejoices in thy memory, O ven'rable one, /
And in a loud voice, it praises thee, O father Seraphim, /
 Who hast forsaken all the beauty of the world for the sake of the love of Christ, /
 And hast gone out into the wilderness of Sarov never fearing the assaults of the
enemy, /
 Sweeping them aside like dust by thy holy prayers. ///
 Therefore we pray thee to entreat the Lord to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Glory..., in Tone 8:

O come, ye assembly of the faithful /
 And let us glorify today with songs of praise /
 Our most wondrous and glorious father, /
 And let us all cry out to him: /
 O venerable father Seraphim, /
 Truly wast thou found worthy of attaining the heavenly life, /
 And receiving from God the crown of eternal glory! /
 Therefore, the monastery of Sarov rejoices in thee, /
 And the people look upon the shrine of thy relics /
 And beholding thy miracles, they glorify God who hast so glorified thee. ///
 Entreat the Lord, O ven'erable one, to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same Tone:

The King of heaven, in His love for man, /

Appeared on earth and dwelt among men /
For He received flesh from the pure Virgin. /
And after assuming it, He was born of her. /
The One Son, two natures in one person, /
So proclaiming Him as the perfect man /
By proclaiming Him as the perfect God, /
Let us confess to Christ our Lord, ///
Entreat Him, O Virgin Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

Or the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection Service.

The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.

Three Readings:

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (3:1-9)

^{3:1}**T**he souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. As

gold in the furnace hath He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever. They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for His elect.

The Reading from Proverbs (5:15-6:3):

^{5:15}**T**he righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High. ¹⁶Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand; for with His right hand shall He cover them, and with His arm shall He protect them. ¹⁷He shall take to him His zeal for complete armor and make the creation His weapon for revenge upon his enemies. ¹⁸He shall

put on righteousness as a breast-plate and indifferent judgment instead of a helmet. ¹⁹He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. ²⁰His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the creation shall fight with him against the unwise. ²¹Then shall the right aiming thunderbolts go abroad; and from the clouds, as from a well-drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark. ²²And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast out

as a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them. ²³Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away; thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty. ^{6:1}Hear therefore, O ye kings, and

under-stand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth. ²Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations. ³For power is given to you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Highest, Who shall try your works, and search out your counsels.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15)

^{4:7} **T**he righteous man, though he die early yet shall he be at rest. ⁸For old age is not honored for length of time, nor is it measured by number of years; ⁹but wisdom is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is ripe old age. ¹⁰There was one who pleased God and was so beloved of Him, that while living among sinners he was taken up. ¹¹He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or guile deceive his soul. ¹²For the fascination of wicked-

ness obscures that which is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. ¹³Being so perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years; ¹⁴for his soul was pleasing to the Lord; therefore He took him quickly from the midst of wickedness. ¹⁵Yet this the peoples saw and did not understand, neither did they take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are upon His holy ones, and He hath care for His elect.

At the Litya, the stichera of the temple, and these of the Saint, in Tone 1:

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown the venerable Seraphim, /
Our mighty soldier and contender in battle? /
For as a good teacher, confirmed both in faith and in virtue, /
Well he taught the divine teachings and the angelic life to all who came to him. /
Therefore, we cry aloud to him: /
Entreat Christ God, O ven'rable one, ///
To strengthen the Orthodox Faith, and to save our souls.

Come, all ye multitudes of monastics, /
And let us piously praise the ven'rable saint, /
The true disciple of Christ /
Who trampled upon the temptations of this world; /
Who took upon his shoulders the yoke of Christ /
And put the legions of demons to shame. /
Therefore we cry aloud to him: ///
Forget us not, O father Seraphim who praise and honor thy holy memory.

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Thou didst put the invisible foes of the flesh to shame /
Like a bodiless angel, O Seraphim,
And the divine and radiant story of thy life /
Amazes all, O father. /
Now the lands of Tambov and the holy monastery of Sarov /
Rejoice for they are the abode of thy holy relics /
Which grant healing to all who come and pray before thy sacred shrine,
And, being enlightened by thee, we all cry out to thee: ///
Pray, O venerable one, that our souls may be saved.

Glory..., in Tone 5:

Rejoice today, ye Russian lands, /
And thou, O monastery of Sarov, be glad, /
And ye multitudes of the faithful streaming here today, /
Come and glorify our venerable father, wise in God, /
The pastor and teacher of those who have lost their way, /
The swift healer of the infirm and sick, /
The great adornment of the Orthodox, whom we glorify in song: ///
By thy prayers save us, O venerable Seraphim!

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Thou, all-honorable Virgin, art the temple and the gate /
The bridal chamber and the throne of the King; /
For through thee, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord, appeared to those who sat in
darkness. /
He is the Son of Righteousness /
Who wishes to enlighten those He fashioned in His own image by His own hand. /
Therefore, O most-praised Lady, having maternal boldness before Him, ///
Ceaselessly pray that our souls may be saved.

At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 5: To the melody, "Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross...."

Rejoice, O ven'erable father Seraphim, /
Thou converser with the angels! /
For living a pious life on earth /
Thou didst instruct those who came to thee in the fear of the Lord; /
And being illumined by the grace of the Most Holy Spirit /
Thou didst see things of the future as if it were today, /
And hast filled the souls of the afflicted with tenderness and joy. /

Therefore, we entreat thee, ///
Pray to the Lord for those who honor thy holy memory.

Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Rejoice, most wondrous instructor of those who have lost their way, /
Who was found worthy to behold Christ together with His angels and archangels in the
temple /
And now, O venerable one, in heaven thou dost unceasingly delight in this sight. ///
Therefore, pray to the Lord for those who honor thy holy memory.

Verse: Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His
commandments.

Rejoice, O venerable father Seraphim! /
Thou didst command all to keep the True Faith, /
And desiring above all else the life on high, /
Thou didst disdain material wealth. /
Now dost thou behold the ineffable beauty of paradise /
And dost delight in the sweet singing of angels. /
Therefore, we entreat thee, ///
Pray to the Lord that He grant us peace and great mercy.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Who can relate thy labors and sufferings, O father Seraphim? /
Who can describe the harshness of thy life in the wilderness? /
Who can tell of thy vigils and fasting, /
And thy solitary life in silence and ceaseless prayer? /
Truly hast thou shown thyself to be the adornment of monastics /
And a steadfast intercessor before the Lord. /
Therefore, we cry out to thee: /
Rejoice, thou example of monastic life! /
Rejoice, great consolation of those in sorrow and need! /
Rejoice, O fervent advocate for all! ///
O ven'erable Seraphim pray that our souls may be saved.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Christ the Maker, Redeemer and Lord proceeded from thy womb, /
O all-pure Virgin, /
And putting on my nature, set man free from the ancestral curse. /
So we sing to thee without ceasing, O all-pure Virgin, as Mother of God /
With the angelic salutation: /

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Rejoice, O Sovereign Lady, ///
Protection, refuge, and salvation of our souls.

After the Blessing of the Loaves, the Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:

From thy youth thou hast loved Christ, O blessèd one, /
And aflame with the desire to labor for Him alone /
Thou hast contended in unceasing prayer and labor in the wilderness /
And gaining by compunction of heart the love of Christ /
Thou hast appeared as the chosen of the Mother of God. /
Therefore, we cry ot to thee: ///
Save us by thy prayers, O our ven'erable father Seraphim. *(twice)*

And the Theotokion: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” *(once)*

Matins

At “God is the Lord...” the Troparion of the Saint, (twice); Glory..., now and ever...,
Theotokion:

The mystery of all eternity /
Unknown even by angels /
Through thee is revealed on earth, O Mother of God, /
God incarnate by union without confusion. /
For our sake He voluntarily endured the Cross, /
By it He resurrected the first-created Adam ///
And saved our souls from death.

After the 1st Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:

Thou hast defeated the temptations of the enemy /
Through prayer and the power of the Cross, /
And wast found pleasing to God for thy fasting and abstinence. /
Therefore, thou hast received the gift of working miracles /
And bestowing healing on all who come before the shrine of thy holy relics /
O our venerable father Seraphim, ///
Pray Christ God for the remission of sins of those who celebrate thy holy memory.
(twice)

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion:

Truly awesome is the wonder of thy conceiving /
And past words or understanding is the manner of thy giving birth, O Theotokos, /
My mind marvels and my thoughts are full of pious fear; /

And thy glory, O Mother of God, ///
Is proclaimed to all for the salvation of our souls.

After the 2nd Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 1:

Thou didst bend thy knees upon the stone for hours in the wilderness of Sarov /
Raising up thine hands in prayer to the Lord. /
And in return, thou hast received from the Savior the grace of the Holy Spirit /
To heal the bodies and enlighten the souls of the faithful. /
Therefore, in one accord, we cry aloud to thee: ///
Pray Christ God, O venerable one, that we who celebrate thy holy memory may be
saved. *(twice)*

Glory..., now and ever... Theotokion:

Accepting the prayers of those who seek refuge under thy protection, /
O most pure Mother of God, ///
Cease not to beseech the Lover of mankind that He may save our souls.

Polyeley and Magnification:

We bless thee, // O venerable father Seraphim, / and we honor thy holy memory, /
instructor of monastics / and converser with the angels!

Selected Psalm verses:

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.
I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my prayer.

After the Polyeley, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 7:

Thy virtuous life shines over all the Russian lands /
And is glorified by all in hymns of praise /
For thou, like Elijah, hath ascended to heaven in a chariot of virtue /
Where thou hast rightfully received thy crown of glory. /
Therefore, we thankfully cry out to thee, O blessed Seraphim; ///
Pray Christ God for the remission of sins of those who celebrate thy holy memory.
(twice)

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion:

Have mercy on us, O most pure Virgin /
Who in faith run to thy tender compassion, /
And beg thee for thy fervent intercessions /
As the Mother of God, Most-high. ///
Entreat Christ our God, that we thy servants may be saved.

1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone (The Song of Ascents), “From my youth...”

Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *Verse:* What shall I render unto the Lord for all His bounty to me?

Gospel: (43) Matthew 11:27-30

After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron, to the Saint, in Tone 6:

Let us the faithful keep solemn festival /
And spiritually celebrate this sacred day /
Of our holy and venerable father /
And let us joyfully cry ot to him: /
Rejoice, O blessèd Seraphim! /
Rejoice, O man of heaven and earthly angel! /
Rejoice, thou, who hast set our feet upon the path of salvation! /
Rejoice, O boast of thy native land! /
Rejoice, O confirmation of the Orthodox faithful! ///
Pray that our souls may be saved.

The Canon

**The Supplicatory Canon of the Mother of God (*the Paraklesis*), with 6 Troparia,
including the Irmos;
and these two Canons of the Saint, with 8 Troparia:**

Ode 1

First Canon of the Saint, Tone 6

***Irmos:** When Israel passed on foot over the deep as if it were dry land, and beheld their pursuer Pharaoh drowning in the sea, they cried aloud: Let us sing to God a song of victory!*

***Refrain:** Venerable father Seraphim, pray to God for us!*

O Lord, open thou my unworthy lips and grant me words of reason that I may worthily praise and hymn the memory of blessèd Seraphim, who has now joined the ranks of the angels, and is ever entreating Thee to deliver us from every evil and calamity.

Thou art a mighty intercessor before the Theotokos, O venerable one, and wast counted worthy to behold her together with the apostles. Cease not to be with us, thy children, in thy prayers.

From thy youth, O venerable one, thou hast given thyself up in mind to God, taming

by hard abstinence the passions of the flesh, and adorning thyself with every virtue, O most wise.

Refrain: Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Theotokion: **O** most gracious Lady, as thou hast borne God in the flesh, cleanse thou my heart made evil by passions, that I may glorify thee in faith and love.

Second Canon of the Saint, Tone 8

Irmos: Having crossed the water as though it were dry land and escaped from the wickedness of the Egyptians, the children of Israel cried aloud: Let us sing to our Redeemer and our God.

Thou hast walked along the straight and narrow path in accordance to the command of our Master, Christ, and hast despised the broad and spacious way. Pray for us now, who keep your radiant memory.

From thy youth thou hast ascended the mountain of passionlessness, and taking up thy cross, thou hast followed Christ without looking back; and having attained spiritual wisdom, O venerable one, thou hast reached Jerusalem on-high. Pray for us now to Christ, the only Lover of mankind.

Glory...,

Standing now before the throne of God, O father Seraphim, earnestly pray that our land be preserved from the assault of the enemy and that the Christ-loving people of all lands may attain salvation through thy prayers, O venerable one.

Now, and ever...,

Theotokion: **O** Lady, hearken to the voices of those who run to thee in faith and love, and with awe and trembling sing thy praises.

Katavasia: I shall open my mouth...

Ode 3

First Canon of the Saint

Irmos: There is none as holy as Thou, O Lord my God, who hast exalted the power of Thy faithful, O Blessed One, and hast established us upon the rock of thy confession.

Standing now before God in the company of all the angels, earnestly pray for the whole world, O venerable father, that the works of the enemy be shattered and that we be granted victory over our adversaries.

From thy youth thou hast devoted thyself with faith and love to the Master of the hosts on high, O venerable Seraphim, and having shone forth like the sun in the wilderness of Sarov, thou hast become a comfort to all who come to thee in their

affliction. Ceaselessly pray that we all may be saved.

Thou art an unshakeable pillar to all who entreat thee, and a safe refuge to all who run to thy holy habitation in Sarov, for there they receive from thee the unfailing grace of healing.

Theotokion: **O**ur first mother, Eve, heard the words, that in sorrow would she bear children. But thou, O pure Virgin, heard the words: “Rejoice, The Lord is with thee!” and by them, hast the sorrow of our ancient mother been turned to joy.

Second Canon of the Saint

Irmos: O Lord, Creator of the vault of heaven and founder of the Church, strengthen me in Thy love, for Thou art our supreme desire and the support of the faithful.

O blessed one, pray to Christ our God that we be delivered from famine, peril, sudden death, and the secret assaults and temptations of the enemy, that with pure hearts we may cry aloud to Christ: through the prayers of our venerable father Seraphim, O Lord, save us!

Following the example of Christ the Master in meekness and humility, thou hast truly become all things to all men, O father, teaching piety to both the rich and poor alike, while foreseeing the coming future events as if they were today. O entreat Christ God for the remission of our sins!

Deliver thy holy habitation from every assault of the enemy, O venerable one, and fill it with love and grace, that it not be swayed by the cares of this world, but that it may attain, through thy prayers, those things which save the soul.

Theotokion: **T**hou art our trust and our hope, Most-holy Lady! O deliver our country and all the Orthodox people who pray unto thee and who call upon thy name!

Katavasia.

Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:

Having crossed the sea of life and all its passions /
And having come to the safe haven of passionlessness, /
Thou hast revealed thyself to be an unsinkable vessel of abstinence, /
O holy father Seraphim. ///
Pray Christ God that He may grant us great mercy. (twice)

Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion:

When I shall stand before my Creator on the Day of His judgment, /
Then do thou, O Lady, be mine advocate and defender, /

And deliver me from the eternal torments, /
That I not be sent down into Hades, ///
But that I may be saved through thine intercessions, O Most-holy Mother of God.

Ode 4

First Canon of the Saint

Irmos: Christ is my strength, my God and my Lord, the sacred Church sings in a manner befitting God, with a pure mind, keeping festival unto the Lord.

Today the monastery of Sarov celebrates thy radiant memory, O venerable one, and prays thee to entreat the Lord for peace for the world and great mercy for our souls.

Thy great deeds have flowered like spiritual lilies, O venerable one, and the bountiful fruit of thy counsels and the purity of thy life have delighted the hearts of those who come to thee. Pray now that we find mercy before Christ our Savior.

Dispel the sinful gloominess of our sorrows, O venerable Seraphim, and through thy prayers, entreat God that all who venerate thy glorious memory be freed from passions and be adorned with faith and love.

Theotokion: Rejoice, O Virgin Lady, thou beauty of all Churches, and the boast and strength of all Christian people! Pray without ceasing to Christ God that by thy prayers, He preserve us from every danger.

Second Canon of the Saint

Irmos: I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation, O Lord; I have considered Thy works and glorify Thy Godhead.

Not only has the monastery of Sarov in Russia but the whole world has thee, O blessed one, as a fervent intercessor, a swift helper, an invincible defender, and the mediator for our souls.

Be our prayerful advocate before the Most Holy Trinity, and move to pray with thee the whole company of the saints whose lives thou hast emulated, O venerable one. And join with them to pray for peace and the good estate of the whole inhabited earth that we may lead a life of peace and inherit eternal life in the world to come.

Thou hast been heroic in fasting and hast passed through the strait and narrow monastic life in the wilderness, coming to thine end in pious prayer. O holy father Seraphim pray that we may be saved.

Theotokion: Thou, Most Holy Theotokos, art our refuge and confirmation. Entreat thy Son and our God to grant us salvation and the remission of our sins.

Ode 5

First Canon of the Saint

Irmos: With Thy divine light, O Good One, illumine, I ask Thee, the souls of those who in love keep vigil that they may know Thee, O Word of God as the true God who recalls them from the darkness of sin.

Thou hast been a true teacher and a mighty intercessor before the Theotokos on behalf all who came to thee. Now, O venerable one, as thou hast great boldness before her, cease not to pray for us thy children.

Let us, the Christian faithful, now enter into the Church of the monastery of Sarov and come before thy holy relics, O holy father Seraphim; and falling down before them let us entreat healing, health, and salvation of thee, as we glorify Christ.

Once, O venerable one, the invisible enemy wished to terrify thee whilst thou wast praying in the night to the Mother of God. By through thy prayers, thou didst put the evil one wholly to shame, and straightway he disappeared.

Theotokion: **E**ntreat God to whom thou hast given birth, O most pure Mary, to grant us, thy servants, the remission of our sins.

Second Canon of the Saint

Irmos: Enlighten us by Thine commandments, O Lord, and by Thine uplifted arm grant us Thy peace, O Lover of mankind.

Thou hast glorified thy monastery at Sarov through thy fasting and unceasing prayer, O venerable one, anointing the sick with the oil from the icon of our Lady, thus granting them certain healing. Pray now that our souls may be saved.

O ye bishops and ye priests, come and rejoice together with the monks of Sarov, and sing together with the simple folk the praises of our blessed father Seraphim, the calm haven of those caught in the storm of afflictions and the swift physician of those suffering from the ailments of both soul and body.

Offer thy prayers, O venerable one, as a pure and well pleasing sacrifice to the Most-holy Trinity, and forget us not who celebrate thy memory. Ask mercy for those who hate and offend us, and those who fight against us, and deliver us from every danger and affliction.

Theotokion: **S**teer the course of my mind, O Lady, beset by storms of passions and save me as I run to thee, for we know no other help by thee, O Mother of God.

Ode 6

First Canon of the Saint

Irmos: Beholding the sea of life surging high with the storm of temptations, I have fled to Thy tranquil haven and cry out unto Thee: Raise up my life from corruption, O greatly Merciful One!

Thy holy soul was a habitation for God wherein the Father, Son and Holy Spirit came to dwell. Therefore, we entreat thee, O venerable one, drive away the assaults of the enemy from all who venerate thee, and grant the faithful health and peace.

We honor thy great accomplishments and labors in the wilderness and the sweetness of thy teachings, O venerable Seraphim, for through them thou hast enlightened the multitudes that came to thee, teaching them to sing the praises of the consubstantial Trinity.

Thou hast followed Christ the Master in the purity of thy life, and well hast thou finished thy course, O venerable one. And coming to dwell in the eternal mansions, O blessed one, thou dost share the delight of the angels. Therefore, honoring thy memory, we all magnify Christ.

Theotokion: **I** flee to thee, most pure one, and cry out to thee: save me and keep me by thy prayers, for being the Mother of the Almighty, thou canst accomplish thine every wish.

Second Canon of the Saint

Irmos: *I pour forth my prayer to the Lord, and I lift up my sorrows before Him, how my soul is become full of evil and how my life draweth near to Hades, and like Jonah I pray: Deliver me, O God, from corruption.*

O venerable Seraphim, we are all full of sin, yet we see thy holy prayers, as sweet-smelling incense, rising to the Lord. So we entreat thee, dry up the fathomless sea of our wicked faithlessness that so troubles the whole world, and ask of the Lord salvation for our souls.

Indeed thou are bless't, O venerable Seraphim, for thou hast obtained riches through poverty, and hast abundantly given joy to those who came to thee with tears. And now, thou pourest forth the rays of thy healing wonders upon all who run to thee in faith.

Thou didst dig a well in the wilderness with thine own hands, giving drink to all the thirsty who came to thee, O venerable one. Now, with this same water, dost thou heal all the sicknesses of the infirm. Truly hast the Master revealed thee as a most wonderful intercessor and wonderworker for all.

Theotokion: **We** truly acknowledge thee as the Mother of God, the very Theotokos. For by bring forth Him who saw born of thee, we have been delivered from the condemnation of corruption by the very mercies of God who loveth mankind and called to partake in the incorruptible life.

Katavasia.

The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2:

OUR VENERABLE FATHER SERAPHIM OF SAROV

Forsaking the corruption of the world and its fleeting beauty, /
Thou didst go to dwell in the wilderness of Sarov, O ven'rable one; /
And having lived there as an angel /
Thou hast become the way to salvation for great multitudes of the faithful. /
Therefore, hast Christ glorified thee /
And enriched thee with abundant healings and wonders. /
So, we call upon thee: ///
Rejoice, O ven'rable father Seraphim!

Ikos: Having forsaken thy family and friends, and counted riches as though they were dust, thou didst go to dwell in the wilderness of Sarov, there to wage battle against the passions; and being truly passionless, thou didst rightly earn thy place among the angels. Therefore, having received spiritual understanding, do thou also give it now to us, O venerable one, that we may praise thee and cry aloud: Rejoice, O blessed Seraphim, thou heavenly man and earthly angel! Rejoice, O emulator of the love for Christ! Rejoice, O dwelling place of the Holy Spirit! Rejoice, O mighty joy of those that despair! Rejoice, O fountain of healing! Rejoice, peaceful haven for monks and their wise teacher! Rejoice, thou boast of the Russian land! Rejoice, O venerable Seraphim, our father!

Ode 7

First Canon of the Saint

Irmos: An angel made the furnace moist with dew for the godly children and the command of God consuming the Chaldeans made the tyrant cry out: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Thy life on earth was truly wonderful, O venerable one, for it was filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and for this hast thou received from Christ the blessed repose of all who trust in Him. And now we cry out to Him who hast so glorified thee: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

A multitude of the faithful has gathered at the holy monastery of Sarov today, O venerable Seraphim, to venerate thy precious and healing relics, and they ceaselessly cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

The report has gone out into all the world of the appearance of a great wonderworker in Sarov who sheds healing to all who come to him with faith and cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Theotokion: **O** Virgin Mother of God, thou didst ineffably give birth to the Word, thy Creator. Pray together with the venerable Seraphim that our souls may be saved.

Second Canon of the Saint

Irmos: The children of Judæa who dwelt of old in Babylon trampled underfoot the flames of the

furnace by their faith in the Trinity, as they sang: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, and by the prayers of thy holy and venerable father Seraphim, who hast so well pleased Thee, preserve us from every soul-destroying evil, that, moved in our hearts, we may cry to Thee: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Who is not filled with wonder, and who cannot glorify the unsearchable depths of Thy mercy, O Lord, that Thou hast revealed to the whole world in thy favorite, the venerable father Seraphim, the fervent intercessor for us who cry aloud to Thee: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Accept this song of thanksgiving which we offer to thee, O holy father Seraphim; grant healing to all who celebrate thy holy memory and faithfully venerate the shrine of thy relics as we sing aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Theotokion: **T**hou, Most Holy Theotokos, art our haven and confirmation. Entreat thy Son and our God to deliver us and grant us the remission of our sins.

Ode 8 First Canon of the Saint

Irmos: *Out of the flames Thou didst drop dew on the godly ones, and with water didst kindle the sacrifice of the righteous one, for Thou doest all things as Thou willest, O Christ; we exalt thee throughout all ages!*

Having tamed the passions of the flesh and mortified thyself to the world, thou hast taken into thine heart, O blessèd one, the words of eternal life teaching all who run to thee to sing: Praise ye the Lord, O ye works of the Lord, sing and exalt Him throughout all ages!

The monastery of Sarov was filled with great joy at thy glorification, O venerable one, and all the faithful sang aloud to God, who is wondrous in His saints: Praise ye the Lord, O ye works of the Lord, sing and exalt Him throughout all ages!

Thou hast been filled with the grace of the Divine Spirit, O venerable Seraphim. Now then, pray for the faithful who celebrate thy holy memory, that they may receive the forgiveness of their sins through thy prayers as they sing: Praise ye the Lord, O ye works of the Lord, sing, and exalt Him throughout all ages!

Theotokion: **T**hou hast appeared to us as the mediatrix of our salvation, O Mother of God, who hast given birth to the Savior and Master of all. Therefore, we entreat thee, vouchsafe unto all those who faithfully sing thy praises throughout all ages.

Second Canon of the Saint

Irmos: *The King of heaven whom the hosts of angels praise, let us praise and exalt throughout all ages.*

Thy great and virtuous life was an object of envy to the evil enemy who sought to trip thy steps, O venerable one, but by the grace of God and the prayers of our Lady thou hast put him to shame, and hast glorified God singing: Praise ye the Lord, O ye works of the Lord, sing and exalt Him throughout all ages!

Everything under the canopy of heaven has been illuminated by the lightning flashes of the report of thy wonders that have gone out into all the earth, O venerable one! And we are filled with wonder at thy glory as we sing: O ye children bless, ye priests praises, and ye people exalt the Lord above all throughout all ages.

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord, now and ever...,

Theotokion: **R**ejoice, O fiery throne of God! Rejoice, thou dawn of the immaterial Light! Rejoice, O cloud shining forth with the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, whom we exalt above all throughout all ages!

We praise, bless, and worship the Lord singing and exalting Him throughout all ages!

Katavasia.

Ode 9

First Canon of the Saint

Irmos: It is not possible for men to see God upon whom the ranks of angels dare not gaze, but through thee, O All-pure One, was the Word incarnate revealed unto men, whom magnifying together with the heavenly hosts, we call thee blessed!

Despise not the feeble praise sung from our unworthy lips, O venerable one, but accept it and sanctify us all who glorify thee. Deliver us from every necessity and the attacks of the evil one, and from eternal torment, that we may ever sing and glorify thee.

Becoming the abode of the Wisdom of God, thou hast wondrously survived the bitter cold of the night and the heat of the day in the wilderness, ever striving to attain to the uncreated Light. Pray that our souls may be saved!

Today the monastery where thou didst choose to pick up thy yoke and follow Christ hast been glorified, for there in the wilderness hast thou spent thy days teaching those who came to thee to understand and be the children of the Church of Christ.

Theotokion: **T**hou art our strength, thou art our boast and joy, our protection and defense, our haven and invincible intercessor! Save us, thy servants, O most holy Theotokos.

Second Canon of the Saint

Irmos: Saved through thee, O pure Virgin, we confess thee to be truly Theotokos, and with the choirs of angels we magnify thee.

Thou didst emulate the great fathers of the days of old who shone forth in feats of fasting and great spiritual accomplishments, O venerable one! By devoting all thy days of thy life to prayer, tears and labors, thou didst attain to the heavenly mansions. Therefore, rightly do we bless and glorify thee.

Christ our God hath girded thee with mighty strength and given thee the power to defeat the plans of the devil, O venerable one. Therefore, we now entreat thee to pray to God, who loveth mankind, that He deliver us all from every assault and temptations of the enemy, and to save our souls.

We run to thee, O our venerable father, in our affliction and our sorrows, and we cry aloud to thee from the depths of our soul: Be unto us a calm haven and a swift healer of our illnesses, and deliver us from every danger and necessity that we may ceaselessly magnify thee!

Theotokion: **O** most pure Virgin, thou hast given birth to the Son and Word, who is One of the Holy Trinity! Pray thou to Him, together with all the righteous and all the saints for us, thy servants, who faithfully implore thee for the forgiveness of all their sins.

Katavasia.

Exapostilarion of the Saint:

Come all ye faithful, and let us praise with sacred hymns our venerable father Seraphim, who is marvelous in his wonders, the new beacon of the Russian lands, the companion of the angels and the fervent intercessor with God for those who venerate his holy memory.

Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion:

After God we place all our trust in thee, O most holy Mother of God, and we pray thee to entreat Him born of thee to grant the world peace and great mercy.

At the Praises, 4 stichera, in Tone 8:

The all-honored feast of the monastery of Sarov is at hand /
 And we commemorate our venerable father Seraphim, and sing: /
 Rejoice, O light and confirmation of monastics! /
 Rejoice, O star of the ascetics who has shown as to the Magi the way to heaven! /
 Rejoice, O ceaseless stream of love and wisdom! /
 Rejoice, O brilliant beacon of spiritual discernment! ///
 Rejoice, great exemplar of the virtues! *(twice)*

O blessèd father Seraphim, /

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Truly hast thou followed after Christ /
And in return many people were drawn to thee /
Through thy brotherly love and kindness, /
For thy meekness and humility taught the ways of virtue. /
Therefore, we lovingly bless thy memory ///
O venerable father Seraphim.

Thou didst go to dwell in the wilderness, O yen' rable one, /
And being filled there with spiritual wisdom /
Thou didst attain the heights of virtue. /
Therefore, we all cry out to thee: /
Rejoice, adornment of the Church! /
Rejoice, loving comforter of priests and beautiful boast of monastics! /
O blessèd father Seraphim, ///
Entreat Christ God to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Come, ye assembly of monastics and lovers of the fast! /
Come, O ye multitude of the Christian faithful, /
And let us honor the great ascetic with loud songs of praise: /
And let us all sing to him: /
Rejoice, for directing thy steps along the narrow way in the footsteps of Christ the
Master! /
Rejoice, for being a swift helper of those running to thee in affliction and sorrow! /
Rejoice, for being a wonderful intercessor for the salvation of all! /
Rejoice, for thou art adorned with the gift of prophecy, foretelling the future as if today! /
O blessèd father Seraphim, ///
Pray for those who honor with faith and love thy holy memory.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

O Theotokos, /
Thou art the true Vine that hast put forth the Fruit of Life. /
We pray thee, O Lady, intercede together with the apostles and all the saints, ///
That mercy may be granted to our souls.

The Great Doxology, and the Dismissal.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the Third Ode of the first Canon of the Saint,

and 4 from the Sixth Ode of the second Canon.

1. Standing now before God in the company of all the angels, earnestly pray for the whole world, O venerable father, that the works of the enemy be shattered and that we be granted victory over our adversaries.

2. From thy youth thou hast devoted thyself with faith and love to the Master of the hosts on high, O venerable Seraphim, and having shone forth like the sun in the wilderness of Sarov, thou hast become a comfort to all who come to thee in their affliction. Ceaselessly pray that we all may be saved.

3. Thou art an unshakeable pillar to all who entreat thee, and a safe refuge to all who run to thy holy habitation in Sarov, for there they receive from thee the unfailing grace of healing.

4. Theotokion: Our first mother, Eve, heard the words, that in sorrow would she bear children. But thou, O pure Virgin, heard the words: “Rejoice, The Lord is with thee!” and by them, hast the sorrow of our ancient mother been turned to joy.

5. O venerable Seraphim, we are all full of sin, yet we see thy holy prayers, as sweet-smelling incense, rising to the Lord. So we entreat thee, dry up the fathomless sea of our wicked faithlessness that so troubles the whole world, and ask of the Lord salvation for our souls.

6. Indeed thou are bless’t, O venerable Seraphim, for thou hast obtained riches through poverty, and hast abundantly given joy to those who came to thee with tears. And now, thou pourest forth the rays of thy healing wonders upon all who run to thee in faith.

7. Thou didst dig a well in the wilderness with thine own hands, giving drink to all the thirsty who came to thee, O venerable one. Now, with this same water, dost thou heal all the sicknesses of the infirm. Truly hast the Master revealed thee as a most wonderful intercessor and wonderworker for all.

8. Theotokion: We truly acknowledge thee as the Mother of God, the very Theotokos. For by bring forth Him who saw born of thee, we have been delivered from the condemnation of corruption by the very mercies of God who loveth mankind and called to partake in the incorruptible life.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:

From thy youth thou hast loved Christ, O blessèd one, /
And aflame with the desire to labor for Him alone /
Thou hast contended in unceasing prayer and labor in the wilderness /

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And gaining by compunction of heart the love of Christ /
Thou hast appeared as the chosen of the Mother of God. /
Therefore, we cry out to thee: ///
Save us by thy prayers, O our ven' rable father Seraphim.

The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2:

Forsaking the corruption of the world and its fleeting beauty, /
Thou didst go to dwell in the wilderness of Sarov, O ven' rable one; /
And having lived there as an angel /
Thou hast become the way to salvation for great multitudes of the faithful. /
Therefore, hast Christ glorified thee /
And enriched thee with abundant healings and wonders. /
So, we call upon thee: ///
Rejoice, O ven' rable father Seraphim!

The Prokeimenon, in Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *Verse:* What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

The Epistle: (213) Galatians 5:22- 6:2

The Alleluia, in Tone 6: Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. *Verse:* His seed shall be mighty in the land.

The Gospel: (24) Luke 6:17-23

Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia....

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